

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks. Claims 1, 2, 5-10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 25-34 are pending in the current application. Claims 1 and 6-9 are amended.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-2, 5-10, 13-14, 17-18, 21-22, and 25

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 5-10, 13-14, 17-18, 21-22, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okada (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0057700, hereinafter “Okada”) in view of Kato (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0145702, hereinafter “Kato”) and further in view of Sawabe (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0176695, hereinafter “Sawabe”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1, recites: “wherein the at least one playitem further includes the duration information indicating a length of time to display the at least one still image when the display mode indicates to display the at least one still image for a finite period of time”. The Examiner admits Okada fails to teach the aforementioned limitations. The Examiner then asserts the aforementioned limitations are taught by paragraphs [0448] and [0451], and FIG. 97 of Kato. However, paragraphs [0448] and [0451], and Fig 97 of Kato only discuss an offset between time bases STC1 and STC2 corresponding to a first and last video presentation unit taught by Kato (Kato: para. [0449]). Applicants note, paragraph [0449] of Kato states that “Tpp is the display time period of the last video presentation unit of TS1”. However, the Examiner has identified nothing in Kato teaching a time period corresponding to “a length of time **to display the at least one still image**” (emphasis added) as claim 1 recites. Accordingly, Kato fails to teach “wherein the at least one playitem further includes the

duration information indicating a length of time to display the at least one still image when the display mode indicates to display the at least one still image for a finite period of time.” Okada and Sawabe likewise fail to teach these limitations.

Further, claim 1 has been amended and now recites: “wherein the playlist file further includes type information and repeat information, the type information identifying whether reproduction being indicated by the at least one playitem is synchronized with reproduction being indicated by the at least one sub-playitem, and the repeat information identifying whether to repeat the reproduction indicated by the at least one sub-playitem”. Applicants respectfully submit, even a cursory review of the presently cited art reveals that none of Okada, Kato and Sawabe, alone or in combination, teach the aforementioned limitations.

For at least the reasons discussed above, none of Okada, Kato and Sawabe, alone or in combination, teach each of the limitations of claim 1. Consequently, the Examiner has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness with respect to claim 1, or any claims depending from claim 1, as is required to support a rejection under §103.

Further, claims 6-9 have been amended and include limitations at least somewhat similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly, for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, none of Okada, Kato and Sawabe, alone or in combination, teach each of the limitations of any of claims 6-9. Consequently, the Examiner has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness with respect to any of claims 6-9, or any claims depending from claims 6-9, as is required to support a rejection under §103.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claims 1-2, 5-10, 13-14, 17-18, 21-22, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

Claims 26-30

The Examiner has rejected claims 26-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okada in view of Kato and further in view of Sawabe and Saeki (U.S. 2001/0043790, hereinafter "Saeki"). Claims 26-30, dependent on claims 1 and 6-9, are patentable for at least the same reasons stated above. For reasons that are apparent, Saeki and Sawabe fail to cure the deficiencies of Kato and Okada with respect to the above-recited features of claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the rejection of claims 26-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicants respectfully submit claims 31-34 are newly added and contain no new matter. Claims 31-32 depend from claim 7 and claims 33-34 depend from claim 9. For the reasons stated above, Applicants believe claims 7 and 9 to be allowable over the presently cited art. Accordingly, Applicants believe claims 31-34 to be allowable over the presently cited art.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1, 2, 5-10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, and 25-34 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

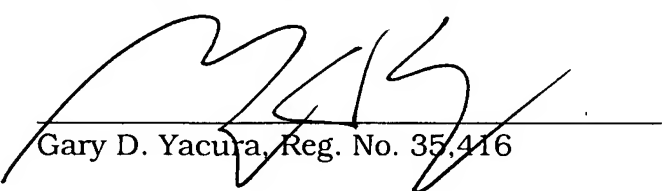
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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